

2024 Central Committee Questionnaire

We expect the responses to be based on each candidate's individual lived experience.

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Basic Information

Endorsement Questionnaire



Thank you for your interest in being considered for an endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our [website](#) for Caucus members to review. Caucus members attending our Endorsement meeting on January 13 will be provided a ballot to vote. Only candidates who have submitted their completed questionnaire will be listed on the ballot. Questionnaires must be submitted by December 28 at 5 PM.

Personal Information

Candidate Name *

Ana Vasudeo

City and zip code of residence. *

94707

What is your campaign website address?

<https://www.climatelaborprogressives.com/>

What is your campaign email address? *

apvasudeo@gmail.com

What is the office that you are seeking? *

- Central Committee AD 14
- Central Committee AD 16
- Central Committee AD 18
- Central Committee AD 20
- Central Committee AD 24

Are you an incumbent? *

- Yes
- No

Are you a registered Democrat? *

Yes

No

Are you on a slate? If so, please identify. *

Climate Labor Progressives Slate

Are you an APA Caucus member? *

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement? *

I'm seeking the APA Caucus' endorsement because I believe that all public servants should work collaboratively with all affinity groups to uplift the needs of our diverse communities. As the President of the Berkeley School Board, I am honored to work collaboratively with our Berkeley Unified AAPI parent group to advocate for the needs of our AAPI students and their families, including supporting the expansion of ethnic studies. As board member of the California Latino School Boards Association, I co-drafted a statewide resolution Denouncing Hate Crimes and Bigotry Targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. I successfully passed this resolution in Berkeley Unified School District and have worked with local AAPI elected leaders to ensure that our school district is responsive to the needs of our diverse AAPI community. As a member of the Democratic Central Committee, I look forward to working closely with the APA Caucus to continue to uplift the needs of the AAPI community in Alameda County.

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials? *

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

How long have you lived in the district in which you are seeking to represent? *

I've lived in the district for 9 years.

Please list what experiences most qualify you to serve on the Central Committee (e.g., education, work, volunteer, life experiences, political campaigns) *

I currently as the President of the Berkeley School Board and have been an elected member of the Berkeley School Board since December 2020. As an English-language learner who benefitted from supportive and diverse public schools, I'm thrilled to serve as an elected trustee for the California Latino School Boards Association. I also serve as a Delegate for AD-14 to the California Democratic Party and on the Sierra Club's Northern Alameda County Group Executive Committee. As a member of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, I will work to ensure that we have a Democratic Party that is welcoming and representative of the needs of our diverse communities. I hold a Master of Regional Planning Degree from Cornell University and work in public health where I have a strong track record of advocating for health equity in communities of color in California, including advocating for a statewide Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund that would provide funding to community based organizations that work with communities of color. I will bring my strong track record in public service and professional experience advocating for the needs of vulnerable communities to the Central Committee.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS - Central Committee

1. What percentage of the district in which you are running are of APA heritage? And what are top three Asian ethnic groups? *

12.5% of the voters in my district identify as AAPI and the largest ethnic groups are Chinese, Filipino, and East Asian.

2. Asian Americans are the fastest growing population in Alameda County and are in the majority in three cities. While the majority are Democrats, a growing number are registering as No Party Preference. How can the Central Committee be more relevant to these communities? *

It's important for the Central Committee to be responsive to the needs of the Asian Americans by engaging more closely with community based organizations that serve Asian American communities. Deep community engagement and multilingual community engagement efforts at cultural events would be a great start to get to know the needs of Asian Americans. Once the central committee has built a presence at these kind of affinity based events, it's important for the central committee to engage in events like lobby days and co-organize campaigns with local Asian American CBOs.

3. List three ways in which you could help the CC promote a greater awareness of issues of concern to the A/PA communities and support greater representation on elected bodies. *

1. Host lobby days with CBOs and elected leaders 2. Conduct multilingual political outreach 3. Provide leadership opportunities for AAPI youth who want to organize campaigns with CC members. Engaging Asian American youth with the CC is vital for creating a pipeline of future leaders.

4. Please name local Asian American candidates the Central Committee has endorsed in the past 10 years. *

Jenny Wong, David Chu, Phil Ting, Rashi Kesarwani, Sheng Tao, Fiona Ma, Rob Bonta, Betty Yee, Richard Pan

5. Proposing and adopting resolutions is one of the main functions of the CC. Some of the resolutions over the past several years impacted members of the APA communities. Please comment on what you think of those resolutions. *

* Incumbents - response is required.

I'm not an incumbent so I'd love to learn more about how previous resolutions have impacted members of the APA community.

6. Do you believe that the vetting process for Resolutions is adequate? Please explain your response. *

I currently do not serve on the central committee and I'm still learning about the process. It's hard to say if it's adequate at this point since I'm still learning about it. However, for all resolutions that I've worked on in my capacity as an elected member of the Berkeley School Board, I strive to work closely with grassroots organizations so the resolutions are co-created with community vs. top down.

7. How impactful have the past resolutions been on the quality of life for low-income Alameda County residents? *

Resolutions which support improved working conditions, such as increasing the minimum wage, have played an important role in improving life for low-income residents. Additionally, resolutions which advocate for improved funding for public education play an important role in helping to close the opportunity gaps for our most vulnerable students.

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please submit your responses by Dec. 28, 5 pm. Our Zoom Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for January 13 beginning at 10 am. Only those candidates completing the questionnaire will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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